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BLADE RUNNERS

Essex Police joins national crackdown on knife crime and carrying weapons

TACKLING knife crime and getting weapons off our streets will be the focus for Essex Police during a national crackdown, called Operation Sceptre, which started on Monday, March 11.

Operation Sceptre is a week of action that will see all 44 forces in England and Wales, including Essex Police, building on the current work officers are doing to tackle serious violence.

In Essex, Operation Sceptre will kick off a longer period of action designed to target knife crime.

Police deal with knife-related crime every day through a combination of enforcement, education and partnership work, and they will be highlighting this ongoing work throughout the week.

During the crackdown the force will target those carrying knives with the intention to use them to

commit crime or cause harm.

Action taking place during Operation Sceptre will include:

- Weapon sweeps to find weapons that criminals may have hidden for later use.

- High visibility patrols and intelligence-led stop checks.

- Joint patrols with British Transport Police and the use of knife arches at some of the county's train stations to disrupt criminals using the railway network.

- Knife crime awareness events with community safety partnership colleagues and charities such as Only Cowards Carry.

- Working with schools, colleges, and youth organisations to educate children and young people about the dangers of carrying knives.

- Joining with trading standards teams to raise awareness among shop owners about the importance

of challenging underage customers and the law around selling knives and bladed objects.

Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show an eight per cent rise in the number of offences involving knives or sharp weapons, taking the figure to its highest level since comparable data began to be collected in 2011.

In Essex there was a 35 per cent increase in violence against the person offences for the 12 months to the end of January 2019 with 54,064 offences compared with 40,032 for the same period the previous year.

The county also saw a 12.6 per cent increase in the number of possession of weapon offences with 2,014 offences in the 12 months to January 2019 compared with 1,868 for the same period the previous year.

Essex Police's Temporary

Assistant Chief Constable Paul Wells said: "Sadly, we've seen an increase in knife nationally and an increase in violent crime here in Essex – and I understand this affects how safe people feel.

"However, it's also important to note that less than eight people in every 1,000 here in Essex will be a victim of a violent crime with injury.

"Driving down violent crime remains one of our top priorities, but tackling the underlying issues is complex and is a battle that we as a community must fight together.

"We know knife and violent crime is closely associated with gangs and drugs, but also with domestic abuse.

"Those who are involved in gangs or organised crime carry knives and other weapons because of the threat of violence that hangs over them.

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MP wants to see 'key' A127 turned into a motorway

by Michael Cox

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ROCHFORD and Southend East MP James Duddridge has called for the A127 to be turned into a motorway.

Mr Duddridge gave his view during a debate in Westminster Hall last week on transport infrastructure in Essex.

The main A road runs from Gallows Corner near Romford in the west to Southend town centre in the east.

Speaking to Jesse Norman, minister of state for transport, Mr Duddridge claimed the whole of Essex wants the road to become a motorway and said: "Minister, if this were legislation, I would suggest a very simple amendment: delete 'A' and insert 'M'."

He described the road as "the life-blood" to places in Southend and across



'PIPELINE': James Duddridge MP

the road's corridor to London.

"Rather like the c2c line, it is a pipeline of money and prosperity for the area. I am asking for just a small change – a little letter," he added.

Mr Duddridge attended the first meeting of an A127 task force, including council leaders and MPs, in December that agreed to "collaborate and contribute" towards a long-term vision for the corridor.

During the debate, he said he wanted to see the road become a trunk road, a type of road managed by Highways England and classified as a major route.

He also called for the road to be widened to three lanes and for a constant speed limit to be introduced along its duration.

Mr Norman said discussions are ongoing with councils over whether the road should be trunked.

He added: "I can make no judgement on the merits of the case – that is a matter for official scrutiny and discussion – but I would have some worries about the potential environmental impact."

Southend Council's deputy leader James Courtenay agreed that improvements were required for the A127.

He felt there are two ways to improve travel time from one side of Southend to the other – continued investment in the road and to re-trunk it.

Cllr Courtenay said: "Longer term though Southend needs a third road."

"This will help relieve pressure on current traffic, but also allow for continued investment into the town – for visitors and residents, but also for additional homes to be built for the young people of Southend who need more affordable homes in the borough."

Nut allergy woman back home after five years

A WOMAN left brain damaged after a severe allergic reaction to nuts while on holiday has returned home after five years in care.

Former ITV producer Amy May Shead, 31, went into anaphylactic shock after taking one bite of a chicken meal at a restaurant in Budapest, Hungary.

She was in hospitals and care homes since the 2014 incident but has returned home to live in a specially built annex at the side of the family home in Westcliff. She will receive 24-hour care there.

Her aunt Julie Martin said Amy's parents Roger and Sue Shead were over the moon to have their daughter home.

"They've longed for her to come home," she said. "They've wanted her to come home for a long time but it's challenging to get someone discharged with a care package."

Amy was 26 and on holiday with



HOME: Amy May Shead with aunt Julie Martin and cousin Tom Martin
Photo: Amy May Trust/PA Wire

friends at the time of the incident.

She managed her allergy all her life, was never without her EpiPen and showed restaurant waiting staff a card printed in the local language stating she suffered from a potentially fatal allergy.

Her family said she was assured several times that the meal she chose was nut-free. Her allergic reaction resulted in brain damage.

Mrs Martin said the family took legal action but got no compensation as there

was no public liability insurance in place at the restaurant.

"She's wheelchair-bound, she's unable to talk, she can't see and can't care for herself but she understands," said Mrs Martin.

"She has a really great sense of humour and a will to work at her therapies which is really rewarding to see."

Julie and Tom Martin set up the Amy May Trust which fundraises to cover costs of Amy's therapies. Mrs Martin says this can cost £7,000 each month.

NHS funding is in place for other aspects of her care.

The trust campaigns to raise awareness and to improve the flying experience for airline passengers with nut allergies.

"We're working to prevent a tragedy like this happening to another family," said Mrs Martin. For details see www.amymaytrust.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● DETECTIVES are investigating a fire in Shoeburyness which left a man in hospital.

Police were contacted by the fire service at 10.25pm on Friday, March 8 following reports of a fire at a property in Elm Road.

A man, in his 40s, was treated at the scene and taken to hospital. He has since been discharged but his dog died in the fire.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is under way.

Anyone who witnessed any suspicious behaviour, has any information or dashcam footage from Elm Road between 9.30pm and 10.30pm on Friday, is asked to call Southend CID on 101.

● THE CONSERVATIVE Group on Southend Council has elected James Courtenay as its new leader.

He replaces Cllr John Lamb, who has stepped down but will remain council leader until after the local elections in May.

Cllr Lamb has served five years as Conservative group leader and three years as council leader.

At a meeting on Friday, the group elected Cllr Tony Cox as its deputy leader.

● A CRAFT fair is taking place to raise money for Southend Hospital.

Malachy O'Sullivan MBE has organised the event, at Rayleigh Mill, in Bellingham Lane, from 10.30am to 4pm on Sunday, March 24.

Alongside gift and craft stalls, there will be children's craft and gift making ahead of Mother's Day.

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Brexit and you guide from county council

AS Brexit turmoil continues in the House of Commons, Essex County Council is attempting to provide residents some guidance through a dedicated section of its website.

The Brexit and you website outlines how EU citizens can register for the Settlement Scheme that will allow them to continue living in the UK, the rights of Irish citizens and guidance for businesses.

It also includes links to online tool kits that explain how Brexit will impact EU workers and expectations for international travel.

However, much of the advice links to Government websites which are struggling to give firm details due to the failure of politicians to reach an agreement on what kind of Brexit they wish to see.

The UK is set to leave the EU at 11pm on March 29.

At the end of last year, Gavin Jones, county council chief executive expressed frustration at the Government for communicating directly to certain ports and airports rather than speaking to councils.

He told councillors during a meeting in November: "One of the frustrations is the government is talking directly to ports and airports and potentially Harwich could take more traffic if Dover fills up and the roads there potentially become very congested."

"The frustration we have is when the government talks to Harwich they



EURO TIES: The UK leaves on March 29

won't talk to us or share that information – they are forced to sign confidentiality agreements."

The council has said that it expects a no-deal Brexit to impact EU grant funded projects, services and goods, employment and emergency planning.

Essex's two unitary councils in Southend and Thurrock have been less specific about the impact, with Southend publishing a report which focuses largely on general concerns raised by the Government. But it does note that EU-funded projects could face difficulties because the money is only protected until 2020.

Thurrock has opted not to publish an impact report due to the uncertainty at

Westminster. The council is in discussions with the Government after they were not included in a list of authorities receiving a share of £3.14million of Government funding for ports likely to be impacted by Brexit, despite it being home to three ports.

This funding will be in addition to a £56.6m fund that will be shared among all local authorities across the country. Unitary authorities, such as Essex County Council, Southend and Thurrock are expected to get £210,000 over two instalments. Further funding for less well-off towns from a £1.6billion pot will be shared across the country.

Most of this will go towards the north and the midlands over seven years, where spending per head will be equal to around £25. In the south east it will be closer to £10 per head.

The funding has faced criticisms from opposition councillors who have said it does not make up for the millions lost in cuts to councils since 2010.

Emergency planning for leaving the EU is being undertaken by a partnership of all local authorities, known as the Essex Resilience Forum.

This includes the health authorities, councils and the environment agency.

Planning by the group has been taking place since August last year and has a working group dedicated to the types of issues.

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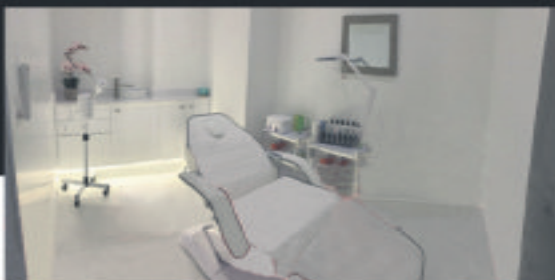
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Growing Together community garden, Benfleet

Charities in line for top award

CHARITIES and voluntary groups from Southend, Castle Point and Rochford have been nominated for a prestigious award.

Essex County Council revealed that a record 16 nominations were received for county groups for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The accolade, handed to winners on June 2 to mark the Queen's birthday, recognises groups that make a difference to communities. Among the nominees is Southend in Sight, in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff, which supports people living with sight loss.

Chief executive, Lucy Martin, said: "We are delighted to be nominated for this prestigious award. It is in recognition of the fantastic commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers, who are both visually impaired themselves and sighted."

The 4th Rochford scout group leader Bill Neobard said volunteers are "honoured" by their nomination. "Fourth Rochford's excellent volunteer leader team are extremely pleased to be nominated for the highly prestigious Queen's Award.

"Our volunteers are passionate about helping

young people develop the skills they need for life."

Other nominees include Trust Links, which helps those with mental health problems and offers therapeutic activities for service users in its Growing Together gardens. SOS Rape Crisis provides support for women and girls from Southend, Castle Point and Rochford, who have been victims of sexual violence. Also nominated is Footprints Community Group in Rochford.



Laura Burroughs,
of SOS Rape
Crisis, Southend

Matt King, chief executive of Trust Links, said: "We are delighted to have been nominated for the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which is the equivalent of the MBE for charities. The nomination is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers across all of the projects that Trust Links runs, helping to make life

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Age is NOT just a number to me

LAST week I celebrated my 62nd birthday. Well, celebrate isn't exactly the right word. The failing eyesight, dodgy hearing, pot belly, type 2 diabetes and little bald patch winking at me whenever I visit my Turkish barber are all a stark reminder of how the 27-year-old in my head doesn't match up with what I see in the mirror.

I had a bit of a cancer scare last year - I suppose most blokes of my age get that tap on the shoulder at some point - and although I knew there had to be some other reason I had suddenly become anaemic, by the night before the procedure I was convinced the game was up.

Anyway, after having an 'oscopy at both ends, with the added bonus of watching on a screen as the camera made its way up... and up without fully appreciating that it was indeed my back passage I was looking at (thanks to whatever drugs they had pumped into my system) I decided it was time to get some of my life back because all work and no play had made this columnist a very dull boy indeed.

Before I had put my pants back on I had the all-clear and quickly after that two of my previous bands got in touch to say they fancied get-

ting back together.

I had taken two years off gigging - my longest period of inactivity in 44 years of performing - partly to finish my fourth solo album, which had been put on hold following the sudden death of my wife (it finally saw the light of day in June 2018 and is available on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, Deezer and all that malarkey), and partly because I had planned to have a word with myself once I hit the big 6-0 about how undignified it is for someone my age to still be posing about in a band, which I've been doing since I was 17 years old.

But it's amazing how being made aware of your own mortality can bring on a bit of an epiphany.

Age is just a number, apparently, and the reaction to the new album has been very positive, especially with twenty-somethings in parts of the States and South America for some strange reason I didn't understand any better when the last one came out in 2011.

Why not then? I was still playing football well into my forties so doing something which has been second nature to me since 1973 should be no problem at all.

So, this past weekend the band played its third gig since our return to action - and I really bu****d my back up.

I can barely stand up straight. I'm walking like an old man and it's taking me an age to get in and out of the car.

Well, I am 62 after all.

But when my children and grandchildren come together to wish the old guy a happy birthday and surround me with love, there's really nothing wrong with that at all.

■ I can't have been the only person to think Theresa May's sudden trip to Strasbourg on Monday evening wasn't going to be worth the airplane fuel.

The "meaningful vote" in the Commons is due to take place an hour after this paper goes to press so this is going to be guesswork.

I'm guessing that the previously widely rejected Maybot deal will be resubmitted to Parliament with a couple of commas and maybe a semicolon added (or subtracted) and its failure to get a majority again will be anybody's embarrassment but hers.

On Wednesday MPs will vote against leaving on WTO terms on March 29 and by Thursday the PM will ask for an extension to Article 50.

This weekend the protests will begin. Some, I expect, will be wearing yellow jackets.

Or everyone could agree and be happy. The sun will shine and all will be well. Ha!



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Knife crime op

From front page

"Arresting them is not always a deterrent.

"We need to educate our children about whether that's the kind of life they want to lead – carrying weapons, always looking over their shoulder and being not only at risk of getting hurt but facing the consequences of hurting someone else.

"Tackling knife crime involves more than just enforcement. It is a community responsibility, which is why we work with other organisations within the criminal justice system, our community safety partnerships, charities, schools and community groups to try and educate people to prevent knife crime happening in the first place.

"Information is also really key. If you know someone who carries a weapon or have information about drugs or gangs, for example, tell us.

"We can then take action against those people."

Police also encourage young people worried about knife crime to find out about Fearless.org.

For more information about knife crime in Essex, visit www.essex.police.uk/knifecrime.

Diversity back at the Cliffs to star in panto



RETURN: Ashley Banjo (centre) and Diversity

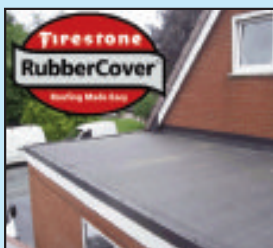
ASHLEY BANJO and Diversity are to return as the stars of this year's pantomime at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

The dance group will perform in a run of Robin Hood and the Merry Men from Friday, December 13 until Saturday, January 4 2020.

Their return comes after the success of last year's Aladdin, which sold out 40 performances. The panto was originally advertised as Peter Pan but all existing bookings will remain valid.

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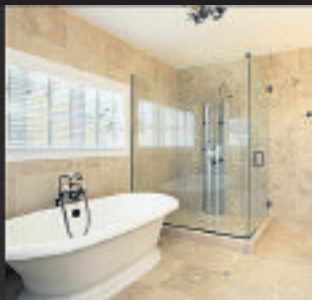
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Ban the sale of knives and build more prisons

WHEN a crime is committed many people would have a view on how the offender is punished.

However, the authorities' first consideration would be to investigate the underlying problems and how we can help or re-educate the offender.

Knife crime is on the increase and too many young people have been murdered by other young people, sometimes without any reason.

Too many times the punishment is a decision based on an individual judge's discretion and the accommodation availability within our prisons.

We should, of course, understand that drugs are easily obtained inside prisons for those that use them and this environment encourages new users also.

The logical and safest solution to prevent re-offending is to lock these people away and educate them until they are no longer a risk.

However, within our present system and maybe due to lack of funding, this option is not available.

I am not someone that believes in more police on the streets even though I have not seen a police officer outside of a car in some years.

I do, however, believe in building more purpose built

prisons to remove the offenders from society and placing them in a controlled environment away from the normal luxury that technology provides and put to work to cover the cost of their free housing.

Crimes and their punishment could be easily calculated with a paired comparison exercise and the punishment should be the same throughout the UK.

Let's stop this soft option approach that so-called experts advise us is the best way to solve our crime rates.

Let's apply a little logic to solve the knife crime problem.

Just ban the sale of knives with a hefty fine for non compliance.

It should be assumed that anyone carrying a knife intends to use it rather than give out warnings and just take the knife away.

The problems have a logical simple solution, but we are governed by do-gooders who are weak.

Take away the judges and let the affected families decide the punishment.

What do other readers think?

*Keith Little
Benfleet*

No port delays so you'll be able to smell coffee

I saw in last week's Southend YA letters (March 8) that Paul Martin still hasn't changed his modus operandi, insults, misleading statements and scare-mongering, as per norm.



His notion that Brexiteers haven't come up with a solution for Brexit is nonsense.

How could they when they have been kept out of the negotiations with the EU, which have been conducted by duplicitous remainers, who by fair means or foul are determined to betray the will of the people of the UK?

Indeed, if Brexiteers had been allowed to negotiate Brexit we wouldn't be in the mess we now find ourselves, we would be on our way out and probably with a suitable deal.

His claims that Brexit has created the need for a hard border in Ireland are false.

The EU hyperbole about hard borders is nothing more than a negotiating strategy.

The EU is hypocritical, it wants soft borders so it can impose hard borders as punishment for Britain's intransigence.

Michel Barnier let this motive slip out in one of his warning speeches over a hard Brexit.

The EU deserves no credence or say in the British-Irish border. Britain's border with Ireland

has been open since 1923, long before either state joined the EU or its precursors.

Open borders are neither normal or desirable, the EU puts idealism ahead of the fights against terrorism, human, wildlife, drug and weapon trafficking, health tourism, smuggling, evasion of justice and evasion of professional regulations.

Mr Martin saying a parcel company would have to submit 2.4million forms per week to HMRC is nothing but scaremongering balderdash.

The "Advanced Manifest Rule" allows for goods to be vetted and scanned before loading, paperwork to be scanned at the border and the goods scanned when they are off loaded at their destination.

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etc being passed on to HMRC electronically.

Also parcel companies would not be liable for tariffs or taxes on the contents of their customers parcels.

Being as both Dover and Calais port operators have already stated there will be no hold-ups at either port, Mr Martin will be able to smell his coffee.

*K. Knight
Basildon*

Breast screen uptake below 70% target

IT'S extremely worrying to hear that just two thirds (67 per cent) of women in Southend attended their routine breast screening appointment last year. The NHS Breast Screening Programme is vital in ensuring breast cancer is detected at early, more treatable stages – preventing around 1,300 deaths from breast cancer each year in the UK.

While screening comes with some risks to be aware of, we'd encourage all women across Southend to attend their screening appointments when invited, and to discuss any

concerns they may have with their doctor.

More than 140 women in Southend are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and around 40 sadly die from the disease each year.

If we are to ensure that by 2050, everyone who develops breast cancer will live and live well, we need to do everything we can to detect more cases earlier.

With breast cancer incidence continuing to rise, it's concerning to see that screening uptake in Southend fell below the 70 per cent target last year, as screening uptake in England dropped to a new decade-low.

It's essential that NHS England's landmark review of screening programmes provides clear recommendations to significantly improve attendance across the country.

We look to the Government to ensure these recommendations will be put in place – and be supported with adequate resource – to enable local NHS services to cope with increasing demand over the next decade.

*Mia Rosenblatt
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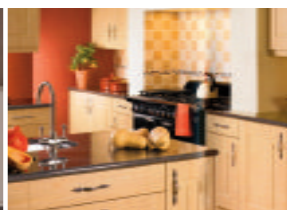
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Grin and bare the lot!



L-R: Nathan (Fraser Kelly), Gaz (Gary Lucy) and Dave (Kai Owen)

by Lewis Berrill

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BARE bottoms and a belly full of laughs – The Full Monty is coming to Southend.

Multi-award-winning theatre producers David Pugh and Dafydd Rogers, present the final ever UK and Ireland tour of the stage show.

Simon Beaufoy's award-winning play, based on the 1997 hit British film, plays at Southend Cliffs Pavilion from April 1-6.

Set in Sheffield, 1972, The Full Monty follows the tribulations of a group of unemployed former steelworkers who come up with

an audacious (and salacious) plan to form a male striptease act, inspired by the Chippendales.

Main character Gaz, motivated by a desire to provide for his son, leads the group to take performing a step further and go "the full monty" – strip all the way.

Former Hollyoaks heartthrob, Gary Lucy, who made his name playing Luke Morgan and is rumoured to be returning to the show soon, has been with The Full Monty as Gaz since 2014.

Gary is immensely proud of his time with the show.

"It's such a fantastic and iconic British film," he said. When the opportunity came along to be

involved with the world-renowned show Gary could not say no and has not looked back since.

"It was such a great opportunity and a challenging role. I just had to take it and I have loved it ever since."

The role, of course, involves "baring it all" and while Gary was no stranger to getting his top off for TV, he was initially

apprehensive to go full monty.

"I was nervous about getting my kit off at first, absolutely, however it has become second nature to me by now."

Gary, who also spent five years on ITV's The Bill, has enjoyed being with The Full Monty for such a long run because he can see a bit of himself in Gaz.

"He is a cheeky chappy, who is just desperately trying to do the right thing by his boy and get some money together."

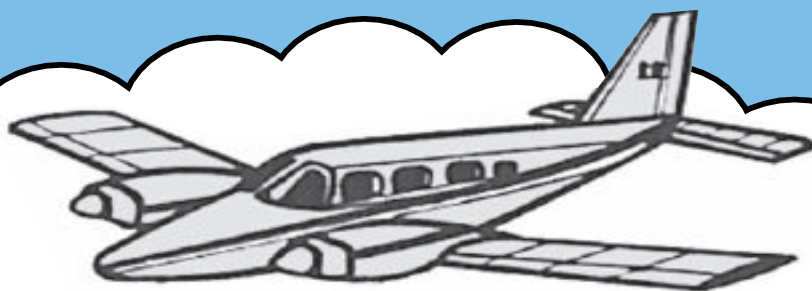
"He bounces about trying to keep everyone happy and upbeat, despite the circumstances."

A comedy at heart, The Full Monty also deals with a number of serious subjects such as unemployment, fathers' rights, depression, body image, and class. Gary believes these issues are "absolutely" still prominent today and resonate with modern audiences.

He is joined on stage by Andrew Dunn, Louis Emerick, Joe Gill, Kai Owen and James Redmond with a soundtrack featuring songs by Donna Summer, Hot Chocolate and Tom Jones.

■ Tickets are available at <https://southendtheatres.org.uk/online/tickets-the-full-monty-southend-2019>.

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FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS (12A, 112 mins)

A TRUE-LIFE story of musical success against the odds inspires director Chris Foggin's feelgood fish-out-of-water drama comedy.

Scripted by Nick Moorcroft, Meg Leonard and Piers Ashworth, *Fisherman's Friends* takes considerable artistic licence with the remarkable rise of eight men from Port Isaac in Cornwall, who signed a record deal in 2010 and became the first traditional folk act to land a top 10 album in the UK charts.

The group subsequently performed for the Queen at the 2012 Jubilee celebrations and brought their haunting sea shanties to the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury.

The men continue to raise funds for charity and released a fourth collection of bawdy songs last year, punningly titled *Sole Mates*.

Foggin's film trawls for the essence of the crabs-to-riches fairy tale and delivers a decent haul of laughter and sentiment interspersed with foot-stomping musical performances.

Some of the cast's Cornish accents are, frankly, lost at sea and a lukewarm central romance across the cultural divide is hastily engineered to provide the film with

one female voice to counter the macho posturing.

London-based music executive Danny (Daniel Mays) heads to Cornwall on a boozy stag weekend with his boss Troy (Noel Clarke), colleague Driss (Vahid Gold) and boorish groom-to-be Henry (Christian Brassington).

Their drunken antics on paddle boards lead to a lifeboat rescue manned by local fisherman Jim (James Purefoy) and his pals.

"Once you cross the (River) Tamar, you're not in England any more. We're land apart," explains Jim, who is fiercely proud of his Cornish heritage.

During their time in Port Isaac, the stag party witness locals singing sea shanties in the harbour and Troy jokingly suggests Danny should offer the swarthy fishermen a record deal because their repertoire is "copyright-free songs".

Danny falls hook, line and sinker for Troy's prank and records Jim, Jago (David Hayman), Rowan (Sam Swainsbury), Leadville (Dave Johns) and the rest of the group in a local church, where acoustics are perfect.

As Danny spends quality time in the close-knit village, he nurtures a crush on Jim's daughter Alwyn (Tuppence Middleton), whose pri-

mary concern is her daughter Tamsyn (Meadow Nobrega).

The jaded executive cannot remain in Cornwall forever.

When the time comes to court record labels, the fishermen don sunglasses to resemble "Reservoir Sea Dogs" and accompany Danny to the bright lights of London.

Fisherman's Friends hauls up a familiar catch of friendship, betrayal, redemption and self-analysis, shot on location in picturesque Cornwall.

Mays brings a likeability to his world-weary corporate lackey, who is gifted a new lease of life through personal ties to a band that values community and tradition before celebrity and fortune.

Supporting characters are sketched in broad strokes, diminishing the emotional impact of one scene that brings the villagers together in a time of sombre reflection.

Released: March 15
RATING: 6/10

Tuppence Middleton as Alwyn and Daniel Mays as Danny

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Friday, March 15

- Live music – Preview, RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. St Jimi Sebastian Cricket, 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
- Art Exhibition, Becoming Easter by Elizabeth Gray King – Christ Church, Wickford. 10am to 4pm. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until Easter Sunday. Contact Samuel Cyma on 01268 440845 or Mrs Westgarth on 01268 733932.
- Mighty Mites parent and toddler drop-in session – Civic Hall, Grays, 9.15am-12.45pm.
- Introduction to silk painting and porcelain painting – Royal Naval Association, 73-79 East Street, Southend, SS2 6LQ. 9.45am to noon. £6. No experience needed.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevendon Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tat chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, designed to increase children's life skills. Call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

Saturday, March 16

- Billericay United Reformed Church

- charities table sale – Mayflower Hall, Chapel St, Billericay. 9.30am to noon.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

Sunday, March 17

- Jazz – Royal British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff, Ron Spack's Jazz Trio, John Sharpe saxophone, 1pm, free admission. Details: 01702 347581.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to noon. Membership £3.

Monday, March 18

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.

- Ron Spack's Jazztet. Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. Brian Giles, trumpet, Alex Boyle, keyboard. 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details 01268 416467.
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- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
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- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7.10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
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- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Frymores Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm. 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea, SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club – Westwood School, Highlands, welcomes new members Monday and Wednesday evenings, Kevin 01268 792433.
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- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Drop in or call 01702 548597.

Tuesday, March 19

- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
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BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED HOUSE, SOUTHCHURCH £287,500

A beautifully refurbished character house situated in this popular and convenient location close to Southend Town Centre, both railway stations and local schools. The property is available with No Onward Chain. Keys available for accompanied viewings. Three bedrooms, new luxury kitchen with appliances, new luxury bathroom, new washroom/w.c., spacious lounge, separate dining room, new fitted carpets and floor coverings, new gas c/h, double glazing, re-landscaped south facing garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL Ref etl5759



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LEIGH-ON-SEA £299,995

Probate Sale - A most attractive semi-detached chalet style house offering bright and spacious accommodation situated in this sought after and peaceful cul-de-sac location. No Onward Chain. GARAGE. Two double bedrooms on the first floor, spacious lounge, separate dining room and conservatory. fitted kitchen, cloaks/w.c., shower room/w.c., gas c/h, double glazing, pretty rear garden, keys available for viewing. Ref etl5758



4 BEDROOM HOUSE, SOUTHCHURCH £319,995

Beautifully presented four bedroom house with lovely west facing garden, bathroom and separate shower room, large open plan kitchen & breakfast room, very large lounge. Short walk to Southchurch Village shops and station. Ref etl5761



SOUTHCHURCH £450,000

Situated in a sought after location within the Greenways School catchment area and within walking distance of Southend East station, Southchurch Park and seafront is this much loved and beautifully presented extended three bedroom semi-detached family house which must be viewed to be fully appreciated. Large lounge with wood burner, elegant separate dining room, large luxury fitted kitchen, cloaks/w.c., 3 bedrooms plus useful attic room, Lovely west facing garden, garage and off street parking. Ref etl5755



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LOVELY BUNGALOW WALKING DISTANCE OF ROCHFORD STATION £285,000

Lovely two double bedroom semi detached bungalow in sought after location just a mile from Rochford Town Centre and station. 65' rear garden, off street parking for at least 2 cars. 17' x 17' L' shape lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c., Gas central heating and double glazing, Early viewing advised - NO ONWARD CHAIN Ref 5757



WOODLANDS PARK, LEIGH-ON-SEA £815,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW this most impressive four double bedroom detached house situated in one of Leigh on Sea's most sought after locations close to Belfairs Woods and Nature Reserve. Garage with in and out driveway, large gardens. The excellent size accommodation includes a superb 24' x 14'8 lounge, a separate dining room, a study, 18' x 14' kitchen / breakfast room, cloaks/w.c., family bathroom and an ensuite shower room to the master bedroom. Ref etl5756

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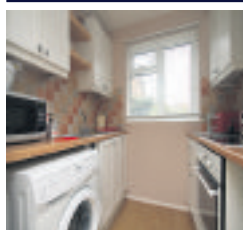


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RAYLEIGH GUIDE £365,000



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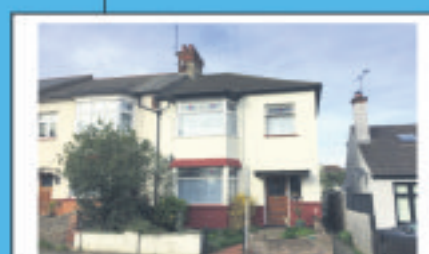
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Aston rolls out its trio of concepts

By David Whinyates

ASTON MARTIN is on a roll and, in an unprecedented show of force at the Geneva Motor Show, the iconic sports car maker has taken the wraps of no less than three exciting new concept cars – all of which are destined for production.

The trio of world debuts are led by the first glimpse of the breathtaking Vanquish Vision Concept, which will form the basis for the company's first series production mid-engined supercar, and be powered by a version of Aston Martin's new in-house V6 engine.

The Vanquish Vision took centre stage on Aston's Geneva stand alongside a design concept for a new Aston Martin hypercar – the AM-RB 003 – and the battery-powered Lagonda All-Terrain Concept.

Reviving an iconic nameplate traditionally reserved for Aston Martin's flagship production model, the



ASTON THRILLER: The Aston Martin Vanquish concept

Vanquish Vision design study provides further evidence of the proudly British brand's intent to compete in one of the most hotly contested market

sectors in the automotive world – one traditionally defined by Italian supercar makers.

The sleek AM-RB 003

concept points the way for Aston to compete with the world's best £300,000-plus hypercars.

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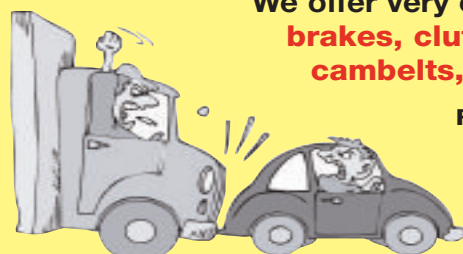
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Cardiff City 2-0 West Ham Utd
WEST Ham endured an afternoon to forget as strugglers Cardiff City eased to a 2-0 Premier League victory in chilly Wales on Saturday.

United arrived in buoyant mood off the back of several improved displays. And despite Cardiff's desperate plight at the wrong end of the table, Manuel Pellegrini was determined to ensure his charges remained focused.

"It is my duty to convince the players that the position in the table of Cardiff will mean it is a more difficult game," he said.

The troubled hosts had lost each of their previous three league outings, conceding ten goals in the process, but they made short work in grabbing the lead. Junior Hoilett on hand to sweep high into the net from close range after Joshua Murphy had picked him out from the right.

The Hammers were certainly struggling in the blustery conditions. Oumar Niasse almost profited from some rare indecisiveness from Lukasz Fabianski. Then, the same player toe-poked the wrong side of an upright after getting in ahead of Robert Snodgrass.

West Ham's frustrations continued. Javier Hernandez went over far too easily when challenged by Bluebirds defender Bruno Ecuele Manga and the Mexican received a yellow card for his theatrics.

It took until a minute before the break for the visitors to offer an attempt in anger. Snodgrass firing over after Ryan Fredericks' low centre had only been half-cleared.

Meanwhile, Murphy wasn't far from doubling Cardiff's advantage



BLUEBIRD: Cardiff City's Victor Camarasa scores his side's second goal

Photo by Nick Potts/PA Wire

— forcing Fabianski into a smart save after cutting in from the right.

Pellegrini threw Marko Arnautovic into the fray in a bid to bolster the Hammers attacking options. But before the Austrian could make any sort of impact, West Ham found themselves two behind. Victor Camarasa squeezed past Fabianski at the foot of a post after Murphy's cushioned header had fashioned the opening.

Cardiff were already in the ascendancy. Niasse fluffed his lines after looking certain to add to the scoreline. Meanwhile, substitute Michail Antonio's horribly wayward strike summed up the Hammers' dismal afternoon.

Declan Rice hit the post with a fizzing effort from distance while Arnautovic forced Neil Etheridge to palm away as the east Londoners finally offered some hope.

Etheridge awkwardly pushed Antonio's header behind, but that proved to be as good as it got for

West Ham. Cardiff were happy to surrender possession, safe in the knowledge that a late salvo from Pellegrini's men was unlikely.

After the game Pellegrini said he had been surprised by his team's performance.

"Yes, surprised because we kept the same starting eleven that played so well against Newcastle," he bemoaned.

Pellegrini struggled to explain why his side had started so badly, adding: "It is difficult to find a reason. We knew it would be a difficult game because Cardiff need points."

"We didn't create chances in the first half and in the second half we had Arnautovic's shot saved and Declan Rice hit the post. Cardiff didn't create too much but they scored two goals. That's it."

Meanwhile, delighted Cardiff boss Neil Warnock said: "There were talks about a split camp, but we saw the team spirit today. It's probably as good as we've played

this season, against a good side.

"We had to stand up and be counted because nobody is going to help us. We were solid at the back and brilliant in midfield, and we were a threat up front too."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, March 16 when Huddersfield Town are visitors to the London Stadium (3pm).

Cardiff City: Neil Etheridge, Lee Peltier, Joe Bennett (Leandro Bacuna 62'), Sean Morrison (capt), Bruno Ecuele Manga, Harry Arter (Callum Paterson 84'), Joshua Murphy, Aron Gunnarsson, Victor Camarasa (Joe Ralls 68'), Oumar Niasse, Junior Hoilett Subs not used: Alex Smithies, Kenneth Zohore, Bobby Decordova-Reid, Kadeem Harris

West Ham United: Lukasz Fabianski, Aaron Cresswell, Felipe Anderson (Marko Arnautovic 46'), Manuel Lanzini (Michail Antonio 58'), Robert Snodgrass, Mark Noble (capt) (Samir Nasri 58'), Javier Hernandez, Angelo Ogbonna, Issa Diop, Ryan Fredericks, Declan Rice Subs not used: Adrian, Fabian Balbuena, Pedro Obiang, Arthur Masuaku

Referee: G. Scott
Assistants: N.Davies and D Eaton
Fourth Official: A Madley
Attendance: 32,458

Late Moore own goal robs Blues of victory

Blackpool 2-2 Southend United
By **Brian Jeeves**

AN own goal from Taylor Moore deep into stoppage-time denied Southend United the opportunity to pooh Blackpool's "coming home" party and left manager Chris Powell frustrated as his side slipped within three points of the Sky Bet League One relegation zone.

Rob Kiernan headed home from a Sam Mantom flag-kick to stun the majority among the crowd — many whom were returning to Bloomfield Road following a four-year boycott in protest over the Oyston family regime at the club.

And despite Armand Gnanduillet swiftly levelling the score, Blues were back in front three minutes after the break when defender Michael Turner profited from another Mantom corner.

But Blues hearts would be broken six minutes into added time when Gnanduillet's centre ricocheted off Moore and into the corner of the net in what proved to be the last action of the afternoon.

Speaking to www.southendunited.co.uk after the match, Powell said: "I've got to applaud my players first. We're usually disappointed and it feels like a defeat, but we've really got to make this point count. If we can back it up, we would look back on it as a really good point."

"To get to the 95th minute withstanding everything they threw at us, to score a couple of goals from set-plays, we should have seen it out."

"I know it's an unfortunate own goal, just bobbling off Taylor Moore, but what I've got to say is my players withstood all that went on today. "There are loads of positives

because it's been a tough time for us and it still is, but as I said to the players you've got to give us everything and they did that. They really dug in against a backdrop of everything going against them."

"I suppose everyone has got a soft spot for Blackpool for what they've gone through, and I understand that. They're part of the football family, but we're in it as well and I felt that the players played their part and unfortunately we just couldn't see it through."

The Blues chief tried to stay positive, adding: "We could have lost and it could have been even worse."

"We should be walking out of here with three points in the bag but we're going to keep our heads high because I think we should after what we displayed."

"We've got to go to Scunthorpe

and turn this into a good point.

"We've got to remain positive and we've got to really look at it and say the next game is the most important one."

Southend return to Sky Bet League One action on Tuesday, March 12 when they take on Scunthorpe United at Glanford Park (7.45pm). Then the Blues face AFC Wimbledon at Roots Hall Stadium on Saturday (3pm).

Blackpool: Howard, Anderton (Daniels 60'), Henehgan, Delfouneso (Thompson 81'), Spearing (capt), Pritchard (Long 60'), Tilt, Virtue, Turtton, Gnanduillet, Feeney Subs not used: Boney, Evans, Dodoo, Taylor

Southend United: Bishop, Bwomono, Hyam, Turner, Dieng, Cox (Bunn 90'), Kiernan, Mantom (capt) (Moore 84'), Lennon, Kelman (Demetriou 73'), Hart Subs not used: Smith, Kightly, Yearwood, Wabo

Referee: Chris Sarginson
Assistants: Anthony Moore, Nik Barnard
Fourth Official: Joe Simpson
Attendance: 15,871

THE BIG MATCH

WEST HAM UNITED
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Premier League
The London Stadium, Saturday March 16, 3pm

Non-league football

O's edge towards return to league

LEYTON Orient took a huge step towards the National League title and a return to the Football League after beating chief rivals Wrexham by a goal to nil at Brisbane Road.

Marvin Ekpiteta settled a tense affair 18 minutes from time, sending Orient top of the table by a point with ten games left to play.

Dagenham & Redbridge extended their unbeaten sequence to four matches with a routine 3-0 success over Bromley at Victoria Road. Angelo Balanta, Conor Wilkinson and Chike Kandi all found the net for the Daggers who are now 12 points clear of the dropzone.

Braintree Town are now staring relegation in the face after going down 4-0 at home against Harrogate Town. Mark Beck scored twice while Jack Emmett and George Thomson completed the scoring for the Yorkshiresmen.

There was a huge game at Billericay Town's AGP Arena where National South leaders Torquay United were the visitors.

Unfortunately, Town's promotion hopes took a knock as the West Countrymen ran out 2-0 winners — Kalvin Lumbombo-Kalala and leading scorer Jamie Reid, on target for the Gulls.

Ricky Hayles, Ben Marlow and Amos Nasha found the net as East Thurrock Utd gave their hopes of avoiding relegation a boost with a 3-1 success at Truro City. Meanwhile, a frustrating finale for Concord Rangers, who looked set for three big points against Slough Town thanks to goals from Lee Minshull and Alex Wall. However, late goals ensured the Berkshire side a share of the spoils and Concord remain ninth.

In the Bostik League Premier Division, AFC Hornchurch returned from Tonbridge Angels pointless, the home side winning 1-0.

Bowers & Pitsea are within touching distance of the Bostik North title after a big 6-0 win over Brentwood Town at the Len Salmon Stadium. Jamie Dicks and David Knight both scored twice, while Lewis Manor and Fahad Nyanja completed the rout.

Maldon & Tiptree remain second after coming from behind to win 3-2 at Tilbury. Jack Cawley, Eddie-Louis Dsane and Oluwatobi Coker scored for the Jammers. Lewis Smith (pen) and George Sykes responded for the ever-improving Dockers.

Heybridge Swifts lost ground after Great Waking Rovers produced a resolute display at the Aspen Waite Arena to earn a 0-0 draw.

Ayo Olukoga and George Woodward scored in Romford's 2-1 success over Mildenhall Town, while Nana Boakye-Yiadom (pen) and Alexander Teniola provided the decisive strikes as Barking won by the same scoreline at Soham Town Rangers.

Grays Athletic drew 2-2 at Dereham Town. Correy Davidson and Aron Gordon with the visitors' goals. But it was a difficult afternoon for Canvey Island, who went down 3-0 at AFC Sudbury, and Basildon Utd, who slipped by a single goal at Felixstowe & Walton Utd.

In the Essex Senior League, Stansted took another step toward the title with a resounding 4-1 victory over struggling Southend Manor.

Chief rivals Hullbridge Sports remain in the hunt after a narrow 1-0 win over Hoddesdon Town at Lower Road.

Woodford Town won by the odd goal in three at Tower Hamlets, while Walthamstow recorded the same margin of victory on the road at Stanway Rovers. Barkingside recorded a 3-1 success at St Margaretsbury, while Sporting Bengal Utd won a five-goal thriller at Takeley, 3-2.

Leyton Athletic shared four goals with West Essex. The game between Ilford and Enfield ended goalless.

Selected action from the ProKitUK Essex Olympian League saw Snaresbrook in form in Division One, hitting five unanswered goals at Ongar Town. Shenfield AFC continued the trend with a resounding 7-2 success over Rayleigh Town Reserves.

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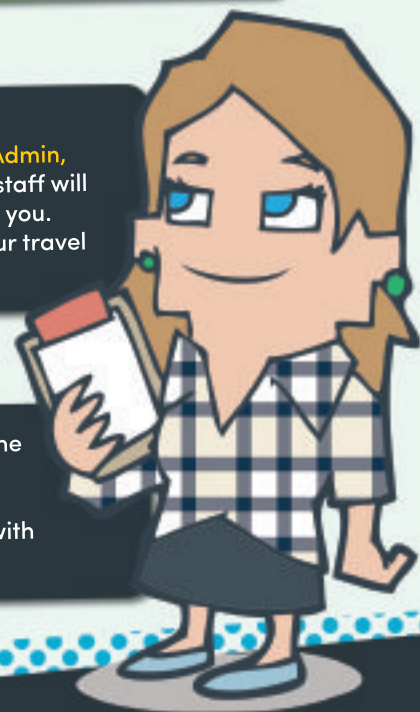
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